

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 1999-023-C - ORDER NO. 1999-266

APRIL 12, 1999

IN RE: Petition of OneStar Long Distance, Inc. for ) ORDER GRANTING  
Alternative Regulation of its Business ) ALTERNATIVE  
Services. ) REGULATION

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Petition for Alternative Regulation filed by OneStar Long Distance, Inc. ("OneStar" or the "Company"). By its Petition, OneStar requested that the Commission approve alternative regulation of its services which reflects the alternative (or relaxed) form of regulation established for relaxed regulation in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, a Notice of Filing was published in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the proposed adoption of the alternative regulation. No protests or Petitions to Intervene were received regarding OneStar's request. OneStar furnished affidavits showing publication of the Notice of Filing.

Accordingly, the matter comes before the Commission for disposition. Alternative (or relaxed) regulation has been granted to other interexchange carriers since alternative regulation was first approved for AT&T of the Southern States by Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. Since the Commission has received no opposition to

OneStar's request, the Commission approves, with one modification, the Petition for Alternative Regulation filed by OneStar. In its Petition, OneStar stated on page 3, paragraph 3(b) that "[s]uch tariffs be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within seven (7) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in which case such filings shall not be suspended pending further order of the Commission." The alternative regulatory scheme approved in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C, and as approved for other interexchange carriers, provides that tariffs shall be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within seven (7) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in which case such filing shall be suspended pending further Order of the Commission. The Commission approves an alternative regulatory method for OneStar, but the alternative regulatory method is the same as previously approved by this Commission. Therefore, OneStar shall hereafter be regulated under alternative regulation as described in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55. This alternative regulation shall be applicable to OneStar's interexchange business services, consumer card services, and operator services in South Carolina.

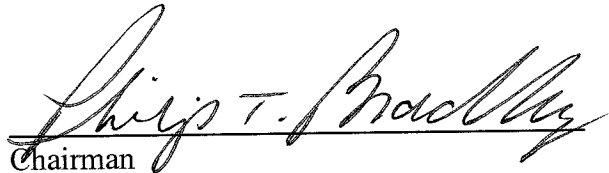
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OneStar's Petition for Alternative regulation is granted, as described herein.
2. Under alternative regulation, OneStar shall not be required to state maximum rates (caps) for its business service offerings, all Consumer Card offerings, and Operator Service Offerings. Such rates shall be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the

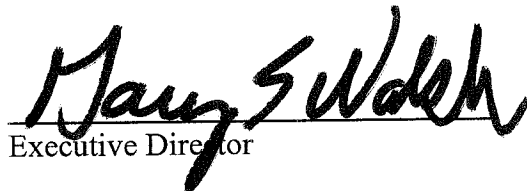
Commission's right within seven (7) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in which case such filing shall be suspended pending further Order of the Commission. Further, OneStar shall be subject to the same monitoring process as similarly regulated companies.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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